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Listed under Foreign Patent Documents Cite No. 1 pertains to disposable chopsticks made of degradable plant material. Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosure of this document is believed to be required.

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